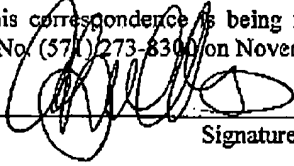


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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2006, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before September 15, 2006. A petition for a two-month extension of time and payment authorization for the extension fee is attached hereto, thus a response is due on or before November 15, 2006.

*Please amend the above-identified application as follows:*

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.